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ward and made to die or live by reason of their vice or virtue. The quality of legislation is more important than the quantity. A few laws, as persons of the wisdom, make the greatest number of laws, a Legislature can make them, would be better than a mass of hurriedly made and bungled statutes which fall of their purpose or do more than intended and require subsequent amendment.

Hopeful Signs

At some good day legislation will be regarded as a science, public servants in our schools, colleges and universities, and will be done in large measure by experts. Just now the opinion is far too prevalent that the best man is to be selected for making the laws is the one who can hear the most bushes, work the greatest number of votes, and be counted upon most surely to follow blindly his faction or his party.

Independence, courage and faithful adherence to principle may sometimes win, but not if the bosses can arrange it otherwise. The wonder is that so large a number of our public servants maintain so high an average of honesty and intelligence, and that, in matters not partisan nor factional, they should act with so much wisdom. It is a hopeful sign that so many men of real ability and high character are to be found in the present General Assembly, and that, by sacrificing their private interests and personal convenience to the service of the State.

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Bills Which Have Become Laws

Four hundred and nine measures passed both houses of the Virginia Legislature during the session just closed, and, barring the veto of Governor Swanson, will go on the statute books as laws of the Commonwealth.

Up to last night Governor Swanson had returned to Clerk Williams, of the House of Delegates, with his signature 148 bills, which had received his approval. Judge Gooch, the enrolling clerk, is working as rapidly as possible to place all the bills passed by the Legislature in the hands of the Governor, and hopes to complete this part of his work to-day. The appropriation bill will be among those which will go to the Governor this morning. Some anxiety is felt by those interested in the provisions of this measure over the constitutional authority given the Governor to veto individual items in the appropriation bill, without stopping the whole measure, which takes effect from the date of the approval. Of the 493 bills which passed at this session, 266 were introduced in the House and 143 in the Senate. The Governor has given five days from the time the bills are presented to him to sign or veto them, with the provision that if not returned therefor, after five days they become a law without his signature.

In the enrolling-room it was shown that the bills passed by this Legislature cover 1,627 enrolled pages, not including the general appropriation bill, which covers about twenty-five pages.

In 1906 the laws passed covered 1,263 pages.

Bills Returned.

Governor Swanson has returned to the clerk of the House of Delegates, who is keeper of the rolls of the State, the following bills which have received the approval of the Executive. A few are emergency measures, which take effect at once, but the majority become laws at the end of ninety days from the final adjournment of the Legislature.

To provide for normal instructions in certain public high schools, to be designated by the State Board of Education, and to appropriate \$100,000 therefor. Approved February 25, 1908.

To amend and re-enact section 10 of an act to create the convict road force, to provide for the working of certain prisoners on the public roads of the State, providing for the guarding, transportation, medical attention of the State convict road force, providing for an increase of the penitentiary guard not to exceed forty-five men, providing how a county may have the benefit of the labor of the convict road force, and appropriating money from the public treasury to carry out the provisions of this act in effect. Approved March 6, 1908.

To amend and re-enact section 400 of the Code of Virginia, in relation to coupons heretofore tendered for taxes. Approved February 25, 1908.

Fees of Notaries.

To amend and re-enact section 3500 of the Code of Virginia, in relation to fees of notaries and justices of the peace as heretofore amended. Approved February 25, 1908.

To amend an act to authorize the Auditor of Public Accounts to issue duplicates. Approved February 25, 1908.

To amend and re-enact an act to work and keep in repair the roads, buildings and bridges in Essex county, and providing what tax shall be used for same. Approved February 25, 1908.

To repeal, so far as the county of Amelia is concerned, an act of the General Assembly of Virginia, entitled an act providing for the working and keeping in repair the roads of Brunswick, Nottoway and Amelia. Approved February 25, 1908.

To repeal an act approved March 7, 1900, entitled an act to provide for local assessment in cities and towns. Approved February 25, 1908.

To amend and re-enact sections 3, 4

and 7 of an act entitled an act to create the State convict road force, which became law March 6, 1906. Approved February 25, 1908.

Qualification of Voters.

To amend an act entitled an act to authorize the school boards of the several school districts in the counties of the State to borrow money and to issue bonds for the purpose of erecting and furnishing school houses and to provide for the payment of such bonds and the interest to accrue thereon. Approved February 25, 1908.

To amend an act defining the duties of the State Board of Agriculture and Immigration, so as to prescribe the powers and duties of said board and said commissioner, and to repeal all other acts in conflict therewith. Approved February 25, 1908.

To amend and re-enact section 62 of the Code prescribing the qualification of voters in special and local option elections. Approved February 25, 1908.

To amend an act entitled an act to provide for the opening and working of roads and keeping the same in repair, and to provide for erecting and maintaining bridges in the county of Culpeper. Approved February 21, 1908.

Geological Survey.

To permit the directors of the Western State Hospital to acquire and dispose of a small tract of land belonging to said hospital. Approved February 25, 1908.

To re-enact section 3351 of the Code, relating to the taking of depositions. Approved February 25, 1908.

To amend and re-enact section 184 of the Code of Virginia, in relation to the present floating indebtedness of said town. Approved February 25, 1908.

To establish the State Geological Survey at the University of Virginia, and make provision for the preparation and publication of reports and maps, and to appropriate for the purpose of the State, together with the necessary investigation preparatory thereto. Approved February 25, 1908.

To amend an act to provide a new charter for the city of Roanoke. Approved February 25, 1908.

To empower the board of supervisors of King and Queen county to appropriate and contribute money to the Confederate Monument Association of the State, for the purpose of aiding in erection of a monument to Confederate soldiers of that county. Approved February 25, 1908.

To amend an act to prevent the shipping, transportation or sale of partridges (or quail) or pheasants, killed, captured or obtained in the counties of Carroll, Grayson and Patrick. Approved February 25, 1908.

To repeal an act entitled an act to provide for the working, keeping in repair and letting out the roads, bridges and fences in Nansemond county. Approved February 25, 1908.

To amend an act relative to keeping in repair the roads of Norfolk county. Approved February 25, 1908.

Confederate Monument.

To authorize the board of supervisors of Warrenton county to appropriate county funds to erect a Confederate monument in said county. Approved February 25, 1908.

To amend an act to provide a charter for the city of Manchester. Approved February 25, 1908.

To authorize an act incorporating the towns of Pamplin City, Va. Approved February 25, 1908.

To amend an act in relation to the hauling of ice or setting of traps in the waters of Accomac and Northampton. Approved February 25, 1908.

To authorize City Council of Fredericksburg to let a portion of the lot on which the courthouse is located as a site for a public library building. Approved February 25, 1908.

To re-enact an act to incorporate the town of Strasburg, in Shenandoah county. Approved February 25, 1908.

To amend an act to establish a State

highway commission, to define its powers and duties, the term of office, salary and qualification of the commissioner, to authorize the commissioner to call to consultation the professor of engineering in certain State institutions, and appropriating money to carry out the provisions of this act. Approved March 2, 1908.

To borrow money.

To authorize the School Board of Pleasant Grove Magisterial District, Norfolk county, to borrow money for the purpose of school improvement in said district and to issue bonds therefor not exceeding \$5,000. Approved March 3, 1908.

To amend an act to create a new charter for the town of Berryville. Approved March 3, 1908.

To amend an act providing for a list of persons who have paid their poll taxes, and for posting the same, and providing compensation therefor. Approved March 3, 1908.

To prohibit further issuance of bonds by the city of Portsmouth under the act approved February 14, 1906, and to repeal an act to allow said city to issue bonds for certain street improvement. Approved March 3, 1908.

To authorize submission to the legal voters of Winchester the question whether or not they will favor the issuance of not more than \$50,000 of sewerage bonds, and to authorize the issuance by said city of not more than \$50,000 of said bonds if a majority of those voting vote in favor of such issuance. Approved March 3, 1908.

To authorize the Board of Supervisors of Powhatan county to create a sinking fund for the purpose of retiring \$10,000 of bonds subscribed for the purpose of constructing the Farmville and Powhatan Railroad, and to give said board of supervisors the power to make a special levy for that purpose and to authorize the issuance of the regular county levy. Approved March 3, 1908.

To authorize the submission to the legal voters of Winchester the question of whether or not they will favor the issuance by said city of not more than \$10,000 for public school improvement, and to authorize the issuance of the bonds if the voters favor it. Approved March 3, 1908.

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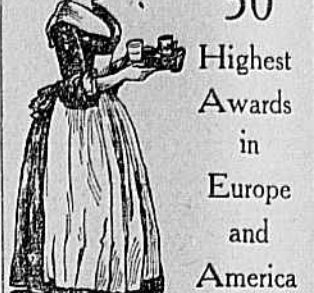
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relative to the duties of the clerks of the Senate and House of Delegates. Approved February 3, 1908.

To amend and re-enact an act in regard to the disturbance of religious worship, and how the same shall be punished. Approved February 3, 1908.

To amend and re-enact section 14 of the Code of Virginia, in relation to working of the roads of Prince George county. Approved February 3, 1908.

To amend and re-enact the act providing for the appointment of a board of public roads for Spotsylvania county. Approved February 3, 1908.

To describe the manner in which amendments to the Constitution shall be agreed to and submitted. Approved February 3, 1908.

To amend and re-enact section 207 of the Code of Virginia relative to the duties of the Keeper of the rolls. Approved February 3, 1908.

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acts of the commissioner. Approved February 20, 1908.

To appropriate money to pay certain expenses incurred in protecting the oyster industry, for which the chairman and secretary of the Board of Fisheries have given personal obligations. Approved February 20, 1908.

To appropriate \$10,000 for a replica or modified copy of the statue by Houdon of George Washington, to be presented to the National Statuary Hall, Washington, along with the statue of General Robert E. Lee. Approved February 20, 1908.

Punishment for Kidnapping. Prescribing the punishment for abducting, kidnapping or unlawfully aiding in the escape of inmates of any of the public hospitals of this State. Approved February 20, 1908.

Proposing an amendment of section 110 of the Constitution of Virginia and providing for publishing said amendments and certifying the same to the next session of the General Assembly. This act is subject to the action of treasurers and commissioners of the revenue by the people and for succeeding themselves in office.

Modifying a misdemeanor for any person to wear any badges or insignia of any order or society unless such person is a member of such order or society, and to wear the same. Approved February 20, 1908.

Appropriating the sum of \$1,100 to meet certain expenses for the Virginia School for the Deaf and Blind, Staunton. Approved February 20, 1908.

To amend the act incorporating the town of Phoebus, in Elizabeth City county. Approved February 20, 1908.

To incorporate the town of Brookneal, Campbell county. Approved February 20, 1908.

To legalize the introduction of certain evidence in prosecutions for felonies, homicides and assaults with felonious intent. This is the bill which repeals the so-called "unwritten law." Approved February 20, 1908.